## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE In re Appl Examiner: Jacqueline A. Diramio Serial No: 10/718,996 Art Unit: 1641 Filed: November 21, 2003 Confirmation No: 9086 Deposit Account: 04-1403 Method of Reducing the Sensitivity of Assay Devices Customer No.: 22827 RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Title: Commissioner for Patents U.S. Patent and Trademark Office Post Office Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 This is a response/amendment/letter in the above-identified application and includes the herewith attachment of same date and Fee requirements (if any) have been calculated as shown below: Claims Highest remaining number after previously Present Additional amendment paid for Fee Total Effective Claims 0.00 Independent Claims minus 0.00 If amendment enters proper multiple dependent claim(s) into this application for first time, add \$290.00 (per application) 0.00 Since Official Action set an original due date of October 19, 2006, PETITION is hereby made for an extension to cover the date this response is filed for which the requisite fee is enclosed (1 month \$120; 2 months \$450; 3 months \$1020; 4 months \$1590, 5 months \$2,160) 0.00 If Terminal Disclaimer enclosed, add Rule 20(d) Official Fee (\$130.00) 0.00 SUBTOTAL: 0.00 If "small entity" verified statement filed [ ] previously, [ ] herewith, enter one-half (1/2) of subtotal and subtract 0.00 TOTAL: 0.00 0.00 TOTAL FEE ENCLOSED: 0.00 The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fee specifically authorized hereafter, or any fees in addition to the fee(s) filed, or asserted to be filed, or which should have been filed herewith or concerning any paper filed hereafter, and which may be required under Rules 16-18 (deficiency only) now or hereafter relative to this application and the resulting official document under Rule 20, or credit any overpayment, to our Account No. shown in the heading hereof for which purpose a duplicate copy of this sheet is attached. This statement does not authorize charge of the issue fee in this case. ADDRESS: **DORITY & MANNING** Post Office Box 1449 ATTORNEYS AT LAW, P.A. Greenville, SC 29602 USA Customer ID No.: 22827 By: Jason W. Johnston Reg. No: 45,675 \_\_ Date: October 18, 2006 Telephone: 864-271-1592 Facsimile: 864-233-7342 Signature: I hereby certify that this correspondence and any referenced attachment and fee are being deposited with the United States Postal

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## **RESPONSE**

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated September 19, 2006, please refer to the following remarks:

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